

UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

COMPUTER CENTRE

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

DATE : WEEK ENDED 3 JANUARY 1972
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1. OPERATIONS

1.1 PDP-10 SYSTEM

THURSDAY 6 JANUARY SYSTEM FAILURE, OFFLINE 1400-1420.
MONDAY 10 JANUARY DISK PACK MAINTENANCE, 0951-1005
SYSTEM FAILURE, OFFLINE 1010-1015,
1221-1242, 1257-1309, 1315-1407,
1608-1619.
WEDNESDAY 12 JANUARY SYSTEM FAILURE, OFFLINE 1720-1750.
SCHEDULE FOR FORTHCOMING WEEK: MAINTENANCE 0700-0900
OPERATIONS 0900-2330.

1.2 GE-225 SYSTEM

SCHEDULE FOR FORTHCOMING WEEK: MAINTENANCE 1130-1300
OPERATIONS 0900-1130, 1300-2400.

2. RELEASE OF NEW BATCH

ON THURSDAY 20 JANUARY 1972, A NEW VERSION OF THE BATCH CONTROLLING PROGRAM (VERSION 2D(64)-3) IS TO BE IMPLEMENTED. APART FROM PROVIDING ADDITIONAL CONTROL FACILITIES, THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THIS RELEASE IS TO IMPLEMENT THE STUDENT ACCOUNTING FACILITIES DESCRIBED IN THE CURRENT VERSION OF THE SYSTEM USER'S GUIDE. (A SEMINAR ON THE USE OF THESE FACILITIES IS TO BE GIVEN ON 23 FEBRUARY 1972 AT 10 A.M.).

IN THIS VERSION OF BATCH, SOME OF THE ADDITIONAL MESSAGES THAT WERE INSERTED BY THE PREVIOUS VERSION HAVE BEEN REMOVED, SO THAT THERE WILL BE A GREATER SIMILARITY IN THE OUTPUT FROM BATCH AND REMOTE TERMINALS. ONE ADDITIONAL MESSAGE HAS BEEN INSERTED AT THE TOP OF THE PAGE. THIS INCLUDES THE BATCH VERSION NUMBER

(WHICH WAS THERE BEFORE IN A DIFFERENT FORM) AND DETAILS OF THE INPUT AND OUTPUT FILES USED IN THE RUN. THIS INFORMATION WILL ASSIST COMPUTER CENTRE STAFF IN LOCATING ERRORS.

THE RELEASE WILL ALSO INVOLVE THE CONCURRENT UPDATING OF A NUMBER OF OTHER SYSTEM PROGRAMS, NAMELY LOGIN, THE PRINTER SYMBIONT AND THE COMMAND DECODER. HOWEVER, THE CHANGES IN THE ROUTINES WILL NOT BE APPARENT TO THE USER.

3. BMD PROGRAM ERRORS

EMD02R (I.E. SEND-R02) WILL NOT ACCEPT AN OUTPUT DEVICE OTHER THAN THE JOB OUTPUT DEVICE. COLUMNS 73-77 OF THE PROBLM CARD ARE ACCEPTED AS THE INPUT FILENAME AND NOT COLUMNS 75-79 AS GIVEN IN THE NEWSLETTER WN-53. USERS WILL BE NOTIFIED WHEN THIS IS CORRECTED.

EMD04V (I.E. SEND-V04) AND POSSIBLY OTHERS WILL NOT ACCEPT MORE THAN 80 COLUMNS PER INPUT RECORD EVEN IF IT IS FROM A FILE AND NOT CARDS. THE REASON IS THAT THE INPUT FILE IS FIRST COPIED TO A TEMPORARY FILE IN CARD IMAGE FORM; CHARACTERS BEYOND THE 80TH BEING IGNORED. THIS RESTRICTION CANNOT EASILY BE RELAXED, SO USERS SHOULD BE AWARE OF IT.

BY USING THE COMMAND

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ANY USER MAY CHECK THE CREATION DATES OF THE RELEASED BMD PROGRAMS.